

# UNDER CONSTRUCTION

## Route 210 opens to drivers July 24!

With horns honking and lights flashing, drivers lined up July 24 to be among the first to ride on State Route 210 through Rialto and San Bernardino.

The new eight-lane freeway now provides an alternate east-west route for San Bernardino County. The opening in San Bernardino and Rialto marks the completion of four years of construction of the final eight miles.

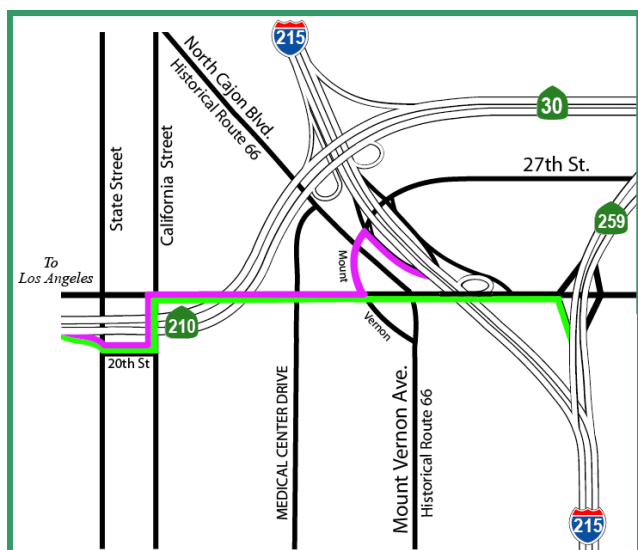
The entire 28.2 mile stretch of freeway from La Verne to San Bernardino represents nearly 10 years of construction and a \$1.1 billion investment in infrastructure. The 23 miles of freeway in San Bernardino County cost \$714 million, of which \$451 million or 63% was funded by Measure I, the half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements across the county.

Drivers were enthusiastic about the new freeway, including Lake Arrowhead resident Don Bode, who commutes from his home to Ontario each day.

"With the full opening of the 210, our commute is down to just 37 miles and can be done in about 50 minutes. It was a sheer delight," he said.



Drivers zoom onto Route 210 at Riverside Avenue in Rialto shortly after CHP officers removed barricades on July 24.



Motorists are learning to navigate the streets connecting Route 210 and Interstate 215. Construction of flyover ramps to link eastbound Route 210 to southbound I-215, as well as northbound I-215 to westbound Route 210 is expected to start in 2009. In the meantime, drivers may use the detour depicted at left for either direction of travel. The route marked in purple is for cars; the green route is for cargo-carrying trucks.

## Freeway work to continue

Although Route 210 is now open to drivers, construction activities will continue during the coming months.

The most significant piece of work is the State Street storm drain system, which remains under construction along Highland Avenue and California Street in San Bernardino. California Street will remain closed between Highland Avenue and 23rd until at least late September while crews install underground pipes to complete this massive drainage system.

Other remaining tasks include the placement of new signs, erosion control, additional lane striping, installation of ramp meter controllers, drainage, fencing and special San Bernardino kangaroo rat fencing.

Seismic retrofit of the Muscoy Union Pacific railroad bridge across the freeway will be completed under a separate contract in the future.

Freeway on-ramps and off-ramps will be built at Pepper Avenue at a later date, once the City of Rialto extends this street north to Route 210.

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